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SUBJECT: OPEC MEETING IN LIBREVILLE

REF: (A) LIBREVILLE 891;(B) TEHRAN 5253

1. LIBREVILLE INADVERTENTLY OMITTED AS REF B ADDRESSEE. REF
B, DATED JUNE 5, REPORTED AMOUZEGAR EXPLANATION THAT HE NOT
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GOING TO GABON BECAUSE "NOTHING WILL HAPPEN." HE SAID THERE
WOULD BE NO PRICE INCREASE UNTIL SEPTEMBER AND THAT HE NOW

OPPOSED SETTING OIL PRICES IN SDR'S, THOUGH HE HAD ORIGINALLY SOLD IDEA TO OPEC PARTNERS. WHILE WE CANNOT BE TOTALLY CERTAIN THAT AMOUZEGAR'S ABSENCE FROM GABON MEETING DOES NOT HAVE SYMBOLIC MEANINGS, AS SUGGESTED REF A, THERE ARE SEVERAL FACTORS THAT CAST DOUBT ON SUCH INTERPRETATION. (A) AMOUZEGAR HAS BEEN ILL; (B) AMOUZEGAR HAS BEEN DEEPLY INVOLVED IN INTERNAL POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS, AND (C) AMOUZEGAR DOES NOT SET OIL POLICY--SHAH DOES, WE THINK THESE ALL ADD UP TO SUFFICIENT REASON FOR AMOUZEGAR NOT TO HAVE MADE LONG TRIP TO A MEETING AT WHICH (IN FACT) NOTHING HAPPENED.

2. RE GAS ISSUE: NPC MANAGING DIRECTOR MOSTOFI TOLD CHARGE' JUNE 14 THAT TECHNICAL/ECONOMIC BASIS FOR SETTING PRICES FOR GAS AS OPEC SETS THEM FOR CRUDE OIL IS STILL LACKING AND WILL BE FOR LONG TIME TO COME. WE PREVIOUSLY REPORTED SIMILAR REMARKS OF MOHSEER SHIRAZI, NIGC PLANNING CHIEF, AND GOI REP ON OPEC GAS STUDY COMMITTEE. WE EXPECT INDIVIDUAL OPEC MEMBERS WILL FOR SOME TIME ATTEMPT TO SET GAS PRICES AS GOI DID IN TRILATERAL DEAL WITH W. GERMANY AND USSR; PRICE DELIVERED TO MARKET TIED TO MARKET PRICE OF FUEL OIL.
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